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SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT

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SUBJECT: FRENCH DEMARCHE ON DRAFT FRG PRESS STATEMENT
ON BERLIN

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR MASSET CALLED ON EUR/CE
THIS MORNING TO PASS ON THE QUAI'S CONCERNS ABOUT THE
DRAFT OF REMARKS THAT THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS
SPOKESMAN WISHED TO MAKE AFTER THE QUADRIPARTITE
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON MAY 21. HE SAID HE WAS UNDER
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INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST THAT FRENCH VIEWS BE

TRANSMITTED TO YOU BEFORE THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING.
A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED REMARKS IS ON PAGE 5 OF THE
BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. DAVID
ANDERSON WILL HAVE THE FULL TEXT WITH HIM IN OSLO.

2. ACCORDING TO MASSET, THE FRENCH OBJECT TO THE FACT
THAT THE REMARKS MAKE IT APPEAR AS IF THE FRG SPOKESMAN
IS PRESENTING A JOINT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE THREE
POWERS AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE POINTED
OUT THAT THE DRAFT CONTAINS THREE REFERENCES TO
"AGREEMENT BY THE FOUR MINISTERS." PARTICULARLY
DISTURBING TO THE FRENCH IS THE LAST PARAGRAPH WHICH
STATES THAT THERE IS "COMPLETE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE

THREE POWERS AND THE FRG."

3. MASSET SAID THE FRENCH POSITION IS THAT THE FRG
REMARKS SHOULD REMAIN TOTALLY GERMAN AND NOT BE
APPROVED BY THE THREE POWERS IN ANY WAY. THE
FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES THUS WOULD NOT WISH TO OPEN
DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REMARKS AT THE
SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. THE FRENCH WOULD, HOWEVER,
ASK THE GERMANS TO DELETE FROM THE TEXT ANY REFERENCE
WHICH APPEARS TO COMMIT THE OTHER THREE GOVERNMENTS.
HE SAID THAT IF THE GERMANS INSISTED ON REFERRING TO
AGREEMENT OF THE MINISTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE FRG
POSITION, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES MIGHT
FEEL OBLIGED TO TELL THE PRESS THAT THE STATEMENT WAS
EXCLUSIVELY A REFLECTION OF FRG VIEWS AND THAT ALLIED
VIEWS WERE REFLECTED IN THE RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF
THE NATO COMMUNIQUE.

4. EMBASSY BONN TOLD US ON THE TELEPHONE THIS MORNING
THAT THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT
FRG STATEMENT AMONG BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. VAN
WELL REPORTEDLY WAS TO MEET WITH GENSCHER YESTERDAY
EVENING TO WORK OUT A REVISED TEXT WHICH MET SOME
OF THESE CONCERNS. AS IN OTHER ASPECTS OF
PREPARATIONS FOR THE OSLO MEETINGS, GENSCHER AND VAN
WELL HAVE BEEN DIRECTING THIS MATTER PERSONALLY, AND IT
IS LIKELY THAT VAN WELL WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THE
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STATEMENT IN DETAIL AT THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. ROBINSON

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